

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration (EDCI) screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being or has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: City Development	Service area: Asset Management and Regeneration
Lead person: Clare Wiggins	Contact number: 0113 535 1237

1. Title: Request for affordable housing commuted sums grant funding to assist in the delivery of a 100% affordable scheme of 58 new homes for social rent at Leonora House, Railway Street, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy
 Service / Function
 Other

If other, please specify:

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

This screening relates to a report entitled ‘Request for use of affordable housing commuted sums grant funding for use at Leonora House, Railway Street, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill to assist in the delivery of a 100% affordable scheme of 58 new homes for social rent’. This report is seeking approval and authority from the Chief Officer, Asset Management and Regeneration to approve and grant authority to the spend of affordable housing commuted sums funding to 54North Homes to deliver 58 new homes for social rent at Leonora House, Railway Street in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward.

This scheme currently has an identified viability gap that the use of commuted sums is

seeking to meet. 54North Homes have confirmed they will fund the remainder of the scheme through a mix of grant and loan funding. Supported by commuted sums, this project will create a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments.

This report follows a report shared previously at Executive Board in July 2017 and November 2018 which identified this site, alongside a number of other council owned sites, as opportunities for residential development with an enhanced level of affordable housing. To support the delivery of these schemes, Executive Board established the intention to utilise commuted sums to facilitate the ambition to deliver new affordable housing in and around the city-centre. The 2018 Executive Board report established the primary delivery route as being through Registered Providers, although there would also be opportunities for council direct delivery. The principle of the use of commuted sums up to this amount has previously been established through the Director of City Development’s approval in April 2020.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council’s strategies and policies, service and functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater or lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		X
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		X
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		X

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.

- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

- **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?** (**think about** the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

- **Key findings** (**think about** any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

- **Actions** (**think about** how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

5. If you are **not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you **will need to carry out an impact assessment.****

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:

Date to complete your impact assessment

Lead person for your impact assessment
(Include name and job title)

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Clare Wiggins	Principal Regeneration Officer	11/03/24
Date screening completed: 11/03/24		

7. Publishing

Though **all** key decisions are required to give due regard to equality the council **only** publishes those related to **Executive Board, Full Council, Key Delegated Decisions or a Significant Operational Decision.**

A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:

- Governance Services will publish those relating to Executive Board and Full Council.
- The appropriate directorate will publish those relating to Delegated Decisions and Significant Operational Decisions.
- A copy of all other equality screenings that are not to be published should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk for record.

Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:

For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services	Date sent:
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent:
All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk	Date sent: